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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Finsterwalde Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED

Germany

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. A German employee at the Finsterwalde (N 52/A 15) airfield said that the field was occupied by 70 to 80 aircraft, mostly twin-engine planes and a few biplanes, and that there has been no flying during the past two weeks except on 13 March 1950.
2. Cantonment buildings were erected in the barracks area of the field. These and the permanent buildings were occupied to capacity. More troops seemed to be arriving at the field. Ten to fifteen trucks, fully occupied by soldiers and their baggage, were seen going towards the field on the evening of 21 March 1950.
3. The radio truck, previously seen in the garages of the screw factory, was still there. Truck E 5-37-26 was also parked in the garage. The following motor vehicles were seen in the town:
[REDACTED]

4. A concrete runway was to be constructed at the airfield. The construction work was first planned to be done by the Finsterwalde Bauhof Firm. As this firm had only two concrete mixers two other firms, one from Dresden and one from Berlin, were given the work. Concrete mixers and conveying installations were in operation on the eastern edge of the field.

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[REDACTED] Comment:

- a. The reported number of aircraft confirms the previous assumption that two component regiments of the 301st Bmr Div are stationed at the airfield.

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b. The information on the arrival of troops refers to an observation of 16 February 1950 *. It has not been ascertained to which units the newly arrived personnel are assigned.

c. The numerical designation of the unit quartered in the garages of the screw factory is not known.

25X1A d. The construction of a concrete runway, now under way at the airfield, was confirmed by several sources.

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